

HB 1023-S - DIGEST

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Declares that the guidelines established by the department under this act regarding classification of critical areas shall provide for an exemption for tsunami resistant structures built in geologically hazardous areas. For the purposes of this act, "tsunami resistant structure" means a structure that: (1) Meets construction standards adopted by a local government pursuant to guidelines issued by the national oceanic and atmospheric administration under the national tsunami hazard mitigation program as of January 1, 2005;

(2) Is designed for the primary purpose of providing emergency shelter to the residents of the local government in the event of a tsunami;

(3) Is not suitable for long-term residential habitation;

(4) May be used as a training site for emergency responders;

and

(5) Is included as a hazard mitigation measure in an adopted comprehensive hazard mitigation plan approved by the department of ecology or the United States federal emergency management agency.